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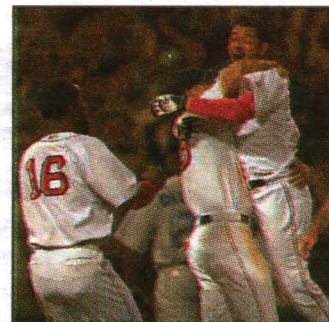
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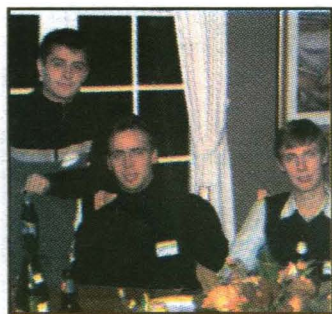
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## A close look into an act of terrorism

*Beslan tragedy witnessed by Russian news correspondent*

by **Andrei Kots**  
Russian contributing writer

The world was shocked by a cruel terrorist attack on a Russian school in Beslan, Northern Osetia on September 1, 2004.

Chechnya extremists and mercenaries took more than one thousand pupils, parents and teachers as hostage.

All of the hostages were kept in a school gym for three days without food and water.

Russian military forces began negotiations with terrorists, but they had no demands.

On September 3, 2004 the terrorists tried to escape from the school and detonated two bombs planted in the gym and began shooting at the children.

Following the explosion, the Russian Special Forces Unit code named "Alfa" stormed the building and in a few hours took control of it.

More than 350



photo courtesy of Aleksandr Bestuzhev

**Chechnya extremists took more than one thousand pupils, parents and teachers hostage. Russian journalist Aleksandr Bestuzhev witnessed and reported the horrible tragedy.**

hostages died during the final phase of this incident.

The Beslan tragedy was covered by hundreds of journalists from different countries. The point of my article is to show how they work in

such dangerous conditions.

I interviewed a journalist from one of the largest Russian newspapers *Komsomolskaya Pravda*. Aleksandr Bestuzhev saw the terrorist attack from the

beginning.

**Q:** Aleksandr, was it your first visit to a "hot zone?"

**A:** No. I was in a journalist crew in Yugoslavia, during the peacemaking operation.

I also worked in Afghanistan and visited Chechnya three times in 2001 and 2003. So, I was trusted enough by my chief-editor and was sent to cover the Beslan terrorist attack.

**Q:** Where did you stay in Beslan?

**A:** My photojournalist and I spent the first day near the school. At night we started looking for a place to sleep. A local guy named Aslanbek agreed to let us stay in his apartment. He was very hospitable. He fed us and helped find information.

**Q:** How did you obtain information about the hostages and terrorists?

**A:** At first, we spoke with the military officials, visited press conferences, but information given there was incorrect.

They told us there were 300 people held in

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## Autism Center opens on campus

by **Marques Hunter**  
staff writer

Autistic children and their families didn't have a medical reason to visit the UWT campus, but now they do.

The UW Seattle Autism Center is partnering with the UW Tacoma campus to strengthen medical services for autistic children and families who are receiving inadequate services in the South Puget Sound region.

The Satellite Autism Center at UWT is located on the first floor of the Cherry Parkes Building and is expected to open in the middle of November and will be fully operational by January. The goal is to increase the clinical service availability for autistic children.

Washington State Senator Marilyn Rasmussen made funding for the Satellite Center at UWT possible. She and other medical practitioners have identified a strong need for better medical atten-

tion in the focus of autism.

According to doctors, the waiting list for autistic children to receive medical attention is high and unreasonable.

"The current waiting list in UW Seattle's Autism Center is 300 families," said Allison Brooks, clinical director for the Center in Tacoma. "Opening up a clinic here should fill a big need that exists."

Many autistic children and their families from the local area are forced to commute to Seattle or to other facilities outside Tacoma. The geographical constraints are obscuring the accessibility of autism medical services in the South Puget Sound.

Felice Orlich, associate director for UW Seattle's autism program, said facilities like Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma can no longer add kids to their waiting list because it has reached a maximum wait of one year.

"Autistic children and their families who live in the South

Puget Sound area now have to go to either Seattle, Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup or Madigan on Fort Lewis," Orlich said. "South Puget Sound would definitely benefit from these services."

The legislature funded the Center at UWT in spring of 2004 for a one-year operational period of the current

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Kyle Drosdick/The Ledger  
**The Autism Center will open in mid November.**

## ASUWT bylaws to be rewritten

by **Brooke Berard**  
staff writer

The University of Washington, Tacoma's Student Government (ASUWT) bylaws have been suspended indefinitely while members of the group devise a plan for rewriting them.

Five senators, elected prior to fall quarter, voted to suspend the bylaws indefinitely due to a timing conflict with the fall senate election.

"The reason that the bylaws are suspended now is to give us [the student government] the latitude to change the bylaws and hold fall elections," said Jason "Sully" Sullivan, director of legislative affairs. In the bylaws, there is a

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# News Briefs

## Kung Fu Demonstration November 15

The Asian Pacific Islanders Student Union will present a Kung Fu Demonstration between 12:50 - 1:40 p.m. in the GWP Atrium.

## The Apple Cup November 15

Join OSL and the UWT Alumni Association in the MAT student center to watch the big game. The event will begin at 3 p.m.

## Diversifall Event November 16

The Black Student Union will present DiversiFall between 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. in the MAT Student Center.

## Marketing Society Speaker Event November 17

The Marketing Society will host a speaker event 12:50 - 1:40 p.m. in Dougan 210

## Fundraising for Haiti Hurricane Victims November 17-18

A fundraising project for hurricane victims in Haiti will be located in the GWP Atrium from 11 a.m.-4:15 p.m. on Nov. 17 and on Nov. 18 in the MAT Student Center from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

## "Sisters of the Open Road Cafe" November 18

Civitas, the Urban Studies service organization, will host an event in the Carwein Auditorium, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m., as part of their Homeless Awareness Days program.

## Salsa Dance Fundraiser November 19

This will be sponsored by the Latino Student Organization at UWT and the Tacoma Cienfuegos sister city committee. It will be Friday, Nov. 19 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The location is at the University of Puget Sound, North of 114th and Union.

## Homeless Awareness Days Event November 22

Join Civitas in the Carwein Auditorium, 12:45-1:45 p.m. for a Homeless Awareness Days event

## S.O.C.C. Meeting MAT 107 November 23

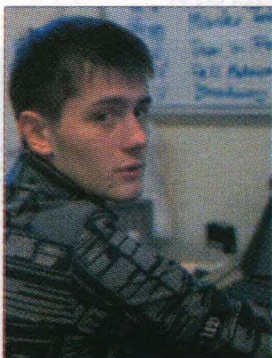
## UWT Campus Ministry Event November 29 MAT Student Center

# Husky Voices



How do you feel about elections in the United States?

Photos by Kyle Drosdick



**Andrei Kots**  
Journalism School,  
Moscow State  
University (MSU)

"American elections impressed me greatly. It was a really magnificent competition, like a football game. But the candidates for presidency wield much more responsibility for their actions than football players."



**Andrei Biryukov**  
Journalism School,  
MSU

"I feel nothing personal for the elections in the U.S.A. because I don't think about my sympathies when I vote. A man who wants to be a president first of all must be a good diplomat and strategist."



**Maria Lukina**  
Professor of  
Journalism, MSU

"I was deeply impressed how ordinary Americans personally reacted on the process and results of elections in their country. In my country people are more indifferent, they probably still don't believe in democratic voting."



**Artem Ivanov**  
Journalism School,  
MSU

"I suppose that the elections in the U.S.A. are a very good thing as the whole world can see the real democratic race. It was extremely interesting to observe how many votes each candidate would receive and how many states and cities would back Bush or Kerry. I hope that the future of the U.S.A. for the next four years will be clear and successful."

For the third consecutive year, journalism students from Moscow State University (MSU) have joined the Ledger staff to produce a joint publication. Throughout this issue, they have contributed their perspectives on diverse topics such as the U.S. elections and international terrorism.



The experience of working together to produce a paper has been invaluable for everyone involved. The MSU students' observations during this election week have been particularly educational for those of us on the Ledger staff. We thank Artem Ivanov, Andrei Kots, Andrei Biryukov and Professor Maria Lukina for sharing their knowledge and their craft with us. It has been a privilege to work with them.

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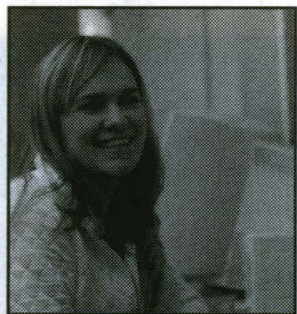
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# Election 2004



## An American Viewpoint

by Ericka Skolrood  
staff writer

Emotions ran high election night, and for many it was the longest night of their life.

As the ballots were counted and the states slowly filled-in, with either red or blue, many wondered what our future would hold.

When we woke in the morning we knew who our commander in chief would be for the next four years. Some cried, some cheered, yet we were all glad that the election went smoothly and that it was finally over.

That morning Senator John Kerry gave his concession speech. It was a very emotional speech in which Senator Kerry said he wished he could take all of his supporters in his arms and comfort them; this was what his supporters needed to hear. It was a comment from his heart and I wished at that very moment I could have comforted Senator Kerry.

President Bush has claimed victory and now his first challenge is to try and unite a divided nation, a nation that is supposed to be joined as one nation under God. We are supposed to work with each other, not against each other.

Regardless of who won the election November 2 we have problems as a country that need to be addressed. President Bush must come to the realization that he isn't just the president of the Republican Party, but the president of all Americans regardless of religion, sexual preference, color or one's moral beliefs.

After a long and bitter election we

face the man who holds our future in his hands. Hopefully this time around President Bush will make decisions that will improve our country rather than tear us apart, maybe in the future his plans will be well thought out before carried out.

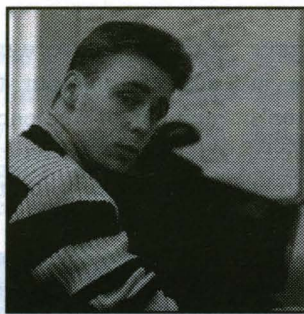
In any case, the nation has spoken, and for the next four years George W. Bush will lead our nation. Where he will lead us we don't know, but hopefully it will be in the right direction.

Many students, staff, friends and faculty I encountered on campus the day after the election were sad and the expressions on their faces made it clear. Even though the majority vote in the state of Washington went to Senator Kerry we need to find a way to pull through this and bring the people back together.

Fortunately, we can come together and celebrate the biggest voter turnout in over thirty years. As a result of this election we have come together to vote and this is a great milestone that we, as a nation, have accomplished.

We have so much potential and power to put to good use around the world. My only hope is that our president will make good decisions for the future of America and for all people, not decisions that only benefit traditional marriages, the wealthy or particular religious groups.

The future outlook is unpredictable, however, I can say without regret that I won't miss hearing those dreadful words, "I approve this message."



by Artem Ivanov  
Russian contributing writer

We are calling it the election year for the United States and Russia. The political and economic faiths of both countries were decided.

President George Bush and Vladimir Putin will once again begin to change millions of people's lives.

The societies of these two countries were supposed to follow the election campaign very deeply. But did they? When we speak about the Americans then certainly, yes, because the election race was much closer.

I was extremely amazed how interested the Americans were in the political race. However, maybe the Americans cared about the elections because it was one of the closest in the last 40 years.

But now I'd like to discuss the major differences between our countries' elections.

In Russia, the only thing that was interesting for everybody was the percentage of votes President Putin received.

It was obvious that he would win and nobody really cared how he managed to be re-elected. He won 75 percent of the votes in Russia.

But the United States' elections were much closer because there were two potential presidents, and not one compared to Russia. Also the race was very tight as the candidates had almost an identical number of votes: George Bush had approximately 59 million and John Kerry, near 56 million.

In the United States, there was non-stop agitation of Bush supporters and Kerry posters on the streets, badges, flags and many others things.

Excellent TV debates between the two fastened millions of Americans to their seats. And the most interesting thing was that the debates could change society's views of the election. It's just couldn't be compared with the Russian

ones.

The most obvious difference was that Russian voters expected Putin to win although he did not participate in the debates.

Voting in these two countries are very different. There is no need to compare the voting atmosphere in Russia and the United States. The system is absolutely different. I voted for the first time in my life this year. I understand and appreciate that I belong to a democratic society.

But in the United States any person can feel like their vote counted and not just impressed to be a voter.

There is almost a 100 percent guarantee that American votes count. But in Russia, the way in which votes are collected upset me because there is a risk that our ballot papers could be changed and possibly altered.

During the campaign, many Russian Media outlets broadcasted the politicians' claims that ballot papers can be changed without people's knowledge and nobody will know about this.

Also the Russian NTV channel before the Election Day showed many ballot papers that already registered Putin's name in a small city in the central part of Russia. The government officials said that it was just a printing machine mistake. Was that mistake made by chance?

Nobody knows.

The most exciting thing about the American election was election night, and counting the votes. Many channels broadcasted it in their own way. Some were quite humorous and some were quite official.

But the American people who watched them, no matter what party they supported, enjoyed the show together. In Russia, the majority of students might take longer to accept the newly elected president.

## Welcome to the the neo-conservative revolution

by Alex Matviychuk  
contributing writer

"[John Kerry] said with a sigh to one top staffer, 'I can't believe I'm losing to this idiot,'" writes Evan Thomas in a report for Newsweek's special election issue. Echoing the thoughts of millions of hopeful Americans who turned out to vote, Kerry effectively captured the mood of his entire campaign.

"Anyone but Bush", was the cry heard round the world and with good reason. Bush's list of failures far outnumbers any successes he's had in his last four years in office. But that doesn't matter because over the last decade a quite revolution has taken place which threatens to tear America apart.

Driven by patriotism, religious dogma and a never ending supply of fear, neo-conservatives represent a revitalized fundamentalist public for whom doctrine supersedes reason. Using a combination of

activism and conservative rhetoric, this potent paradigm has managed to channel the fervor and emotion of Christ Fest into a political movement.

It is well known that reasoned debate and compromise are as unthinkable to fundamentalists as self-control is to Kobe Bryant or Michael Jackson. This is not a hyperbola by any means, just look at the Israeli/Palestine conflict or consider William McAdoo's observation that "it is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in argument." The reasons for Kerry's loss are not confined to a weak Democratic Party and voting irregularities.

Conditioned by Fox News and feeding off the moral outrage of Clinton, the neo-con devotees have been infused with an unparalleled righteousness over the last four years. They turned out in droves to vote down gay marriage and re-elected a man who promised to

hunt down terrorists without regard for collateral damage or diplomatic relations in an increasingly hostile world. And they did it in record numbers.

To be fair, not many countries (even those thought to be progressive) support gay marriage. However, neither did John Kerry. Yet the neo-cons still voted for Bush. Kerry also abandoned his core and reached out to offer them national security. Yet they still voted for Bush for reasons that can only be attributed to fanaticism.

There is an irreproachable authority, resembling the kind between parent and child that drives these neo-cons to overlook past transgressions in order to save face. This is a common characteristic shared with authoritarian systems which never make sense, yet always exist. Dissent is usually drowned out by chanting the proverbial "Four legs good, two legs bad (More commonly heard as

"Four more years.")". Neo-cons are a powerful force and will consume this country if not faced with strong opposition. The challenge progressives face now is figuring out how to persuade their fellow Americans who have been infected with an ethos resistant to rationality.

For now the prospect for reform is non-existent. George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man." With most of the younger generation intoxicated by apathy and everyone struggling to make ends meet in this new economy, progressives may not have the strength or conviction to overcome the rising tide of zealous neo-cons. Perhaps it is time to follow the age old maxim, "When defeat is inevitable, it is wisest to yield," but only in action, never in spirit.



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# J Spot event sheds light on art of making love

by Marlene Hanson  
staff writer

Dr. Ruth was ok, but Jay Friedman is better, speaking of sex, that is. Want to know the most sensual body part of a woman or a man? Friedman, better known as "Dr. Jay," will tell you, in a no-nonsense, light-hearted manner.

**"My belief is that sex is good. What we learn about sex is not good."**

— Jay Friedman  
guest speaker

Will a man really explode if he takes a break from sex? Dr. Jay has been asked this question by a person who was seriously wondering if this myth has any truth.

Are all condoms the same, or are the ribbed rubbers better? What are the three conditions that should always be met before two people have sex? Dr. Jay is here to save the day, and answer all your questions without joking, in an easy to understand manner.

Dr. Jay is not joking when he explains responsible sexual behavior with a crowd of any size. Friedman, a sex educator that is devoted to taking sex talk out of America's closets

and into the public forum, gave a free lecture-performance in the University of Washington's Carwein auditorium on Wed., Oct. 19. The crowd was light and quiet when Dr. Jay began his performance, but was learning through laughter by the lecture's end.

"It was dusk, at night. Tranquil breathing filled the room. It had been a hot and humid day. He caressed her one breast, their bodies pressed together," Dr. Jay began his performance with these lines. The audience was silent, waiting for the climax of his performance. "It was time for the six o'clock feeding of her baby." Dr. Jay continued.

"Where was your mind?" After this question, there was nervous laughter throughout the audience. Friedman used this visual illustration of a nighttime nursing between mother and child as a reminder that sexual learning is a life long process.

"My belief is that sex is good," Friedman said. "What we learn about sex is not good."

Dr. Jay said he is referring to how American culture shuns sexual discussion in the public domain. He further explained that like most kids, he learned more about sex, facts and myths, from his peers than he did from his parents.

"In 10th grade, I saw the V.D. movie in the gym," Dr. Jay told the alert audience.

Smiles of recognition were seen throughout the growing number of audience attendees. "It is a scare tactic against sex. It leaves us ignorant, confused. It doesn't work."

With a keen understanding of the questions that are now fermenting in the mind of the audience, Dr. Jay goes on to answer the unspoken question.

Why does he travel from college campus to college campus, from high school auditorium to high school auditorium, explaining the unspoken?

"Every crisis opens an opportunity," Dr. Jay explained. When he was younger, his girlfriend said the two words that made him grow up.

"I'm pregnant." He realized that he wasn't alone in his youthful ignorance concerning the very important topic of sex, and sexual responsibility. From that experience he realized that issues concerning sex needed to be discussed openly, responsibly and maturely.

Thus, Jay Friedman becomes Dr. J, the sex educator.

Referring back to the questions asked in the beginning of this article, a woman's clitoris, and not the vagina, is the area where she becomes sexually aroused. Only one person in the audience was brave enough to say the word, "clitoris," since it is among one of the many unspoken, 'naughty' words of the American English

## J-Spot topics:

AIDS/safer sex  
Communication  
Dating and relationships  
Homophobia  
Love potions - sex and alcohol  
Rape/sexual violence  
The pursuit of pleasure  
The future of sex

—from www.jaytalk.com

language.

No, a man will not explode if he abstains from sex for long periods.

A ribbed condom is usually no better than an unribbed condom. The secret to making sex with a condom as sexually satisfying as sex without a condom is to put a couple drops of water in the bottom of the condom, before covering the penis. This should result in better sex.

And Dr. Jay explained the three conditions that should always be met before two people have sex, and this is for sex between gays, lesbians or straights.

1) When you can affirm the other person's worth. When you can look at them in the eyes, while having sex.

2) When you can accept responsibility for your actions. This includes birth control and disease control.

3) When you can assure the other person of their worth. This pertains to mutual pleasure of both people.

Are you sexually responsible? To learn more about responsibility and sexual behavior, visit UWT's counseling center at [www.tacoma.washington.edu/studentaffairs/counseling](http://www.tacoma.washington.edu/studentaffairs/counseling) which offers in-depth, personal advice in a one-on-one basis.

Confidential appointments with a counselor can be scheduled by calling 253-692-4400 and asking for the student-counseling center.

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# Patricia Spakes looks to become chancellor

*Dr. Spakes believes she can bring three things: creative solutions, structured plans for the future and development support to carry out the vision. She will be giving a presentation on Nov. 30.*



photo courtesy of the Internet

Patricia Spakes is one of the five finalist for the chancellor position. She has similar experiences with the development of branches like UWT.

by Seth Storset  
staff writer

Dr. Patricia Spakes, is currently the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania and is one of the five finalists for UWT's Chancellor position.

Dr. Spakes' qualifications for chancellor come directly from her experiences with the development of similar branch campuses like UWT.

From 1990 to 1997, Dr. Spakes was Vice President for Academic Affairs at Arizona State University West (ASUW), where she was apart of the development a new, very similar university.

"I love the energy, excitement, creativity, commitment and possibility that is found on a new campus," said Dr. Spakes. "And the opportunity to be apart of one of the most exciting challenges in higher education today."

If Dr. Spakes becomes chancellor, she plans to bring three things: creative solutions to problems, structured plans for the future direction of the university, and to develop support to carry out the vision.

"What is especially challenging on a new campus is that the Chancellor has to

help develop a cohesive sense of itself as a community of scholars and learners," said Dr. Spakes. "And has to

from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an M.S.W. from the University of South Carolina and a B.A. in sociology and English from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC.

From 1997 to 2001, Dr. Spakes served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts.

Dr. Spakes is excited to visiting UWT the first of December and learning more about how the university and community would like to see UWT grow and develop.

**"I love the energy, excitement, creativity, commitment and possibility that is found on a new campus."**

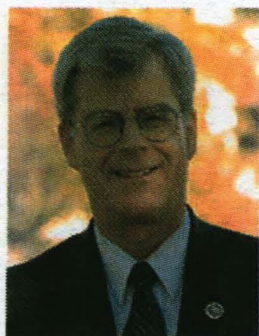
— Patricia Spakes,  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania

be especially visible, active and involved in the internal life of the campus."

The educational background of Dr. Spakes consists of a Ph.D. in social welfare



# A race to the finish as chancellor candidates compete



**John Miller visits  
Nov. 23**  
Current provost,  
Vice-president of Student  
Affairs, Eastern Oregon  
University

by **Ericka Skolrood**  
staff writer

John Miller was named the fifth and final candidate for the chancellor position on our campus. Miller is scheduled to visit the university on November 23, where he will have the chance to become acquainted with the staff, faculty, students and the public. On the day of his visit Miller will give a presentation in Carwein Auditorium (named after former chancellor Vicki Carwein) from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Miller comes to us from Eastern Oregon University where he is the current provost and vice president for academic affairs. Miller also holds a Ph.D., M.A and B.A., all in sociology and all earned from the University of Oregon.

Miller came to EOU from Southeastern Louisiana University where he was the dean for nearly ten years. In the past, he was also the associate dean for academic affairs and the department chairperson at the University of Arkansas, a teacher and served in the United States Army.

"I was attracted by the excellence that's already there and the chance to build on that excellence, I think that the chancellor's position at UWT is an out-

standing opportunity for anyone that wants to lead a university in its early years of existence, there are going to be growing pains but, to join the faculty, staff, students and friends in building a new university is a rare opportunity," said Miller.

During his two-day visit Miller wants to talk with students, staff, faculty and friends of UWT to find out what they want for the future of the university. He thinks the university would be wise to offer a four-year curriculum and added opportunities for masters programs.

Miller believes he has the experience as an administrator, teacher and leadership skills to successfully fill the position as the next University of Washington, Tacoma Chancellor.

"These times call for leadership, in addition to experience you need to be looking for someone who is energetic, creative and someone that when the time is right will take what I call calculated risks," said Miller.

There are many issues to take into consideration when the 12-person search committee determines which candidates to recommend to UW President Mark Emmert, who will make the final decision.

**Michael Field  
visits Dec. 6**  
Current Provost,  
Vice President of  
Academic Affairs,  
Shawnee State  
University



by **Jenny Sharp**  
staff writer

Michael Field, a candidate for Chancellor at UWT, is currently Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Shawnee State University in Ohio. Field has been at Shawnee State for approximately five years. Two of his years have been spent as interim president.

Field was born in New York City and spent most of his professional career in Northern Minnesota. He lives five minutes from Shawnee State's campus across the Ohio River in Kentucky. Field is looking to make the transition to Tacoma for a simple reason. He has hopes of taking on a community that is in a position to grow and define itself in new and exciting

ways.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for me as UWT is in a position to grow substantially and quickly," Field said. "Most schools in this situation grow slowly and are defined by their past, but not in this case. UWT faces a lot of opportunity for change."

UWT faces changes at a rapid rate. Field is excited and wants to be a part of them. Field enjoys how UWT has identified the importance of interdisciplinary approaches, which he finds imperative in a growing campus community.

Field's credentials are a Ph.D. and M.A. from Cornell University, B.A. from the State University of New York at Stony

Book, all in English. As an English professor, he focused on the art of Shakespeare and renaissance writing. He enjoys his teaching role, as he will fill in at Shawnee State this spring in a Shakespeare class while another professor is on leave.

With over thirty years under his belt as a faculty member and professor, Field has a grasp on what the campus community needs to attain their goals. If he were to join us here at UWT, he would like to help frame the direction in which UWT is moving by meeting and talking to those who share his passion for the university. He realizes that with our significant changes, adaptations will be required on the parts of staff, faculty and students.

## Perspectives and loyalties abroad reflect divide at home

*Other nations' agendas and interests drive preference for outcome of U.S. election, mirror stereotypes and realities at home.*

by **Andrei Biryukov**  
Russian contributing writer

After talking to American people at the Halloween party, my opinion on how they react to the presidential elections has greatly changed.

Before the flight from Moscow to Washington, I was prepared to write articles about the elections. I watched TV news programs, read articles in newspapers and listened to the radio. Finally, I developed my opinion about the American elections.

The Americans who I talked to were very emotional about the upcoming elections.

"You came to the United States at the most politically important time," said one Tacomans. "Everyone, even those who aren't interested in the American elections, will participate. It will be a very important step that will determine whether America will live in happiness or if there will be terrorist attacks."

I also heard opinions such as "if Bush wins, I don't want to

live in America for the next four years."

It is clear from interviews that American people understand that these elections are the most important political event of the next four years.

And now the American society is more split up than it ever was.

Russian media portrays Americans as feeling nothing personal about the elections. They also say American people see the elections as a means of personal gain.

"Americans in small towns, visiting protestant and catholic churches, will vote against abortion and same sex marriages and the traditional role of women.

People living in big cities, traveling and dealing with economics and finances will vote for the president, who can make other countries respect

America," according to *Moscow News* on Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, 2004.

But the number one dilemma concerning the next American president brings trouble not only to American citizens, but to the whole world.

Many politicians and experts in Russia prefer the current president as a more convenient choice. He has a good personal

relationship with the Russian president and doesn't teach democracy, according to *Russian media*.

Because Bush is pres-

ident, Russian economic experts say international oil prices are high and this is profitable for Russia.

"Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon and Pakistani president Musharaff, who support Putin's opinion of Bush, want to see him in the White House," according to *Moscow News*, on Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, 2004.

"In the Philippines, the difference between supporters of Bush and Kerry is very high. 57 percent of the population favors Bush and 32 percent for Kerry," according to *Russian Newsweek* on Oct. 25 - 31 in 2004.

The majority of people in Europe gambled on the Democratic candidate. There are very few Bush allies in Europe and even they have problems with their government controlling their country.

"If Tony Blair supports today's American president, he will lose the help of his party immediately," according to *Moscow News* on Oct. 29 - Nov. 4 2004.

Iraqi people have an evenly divided opinion about who they would like as the next American president, according to a poll of 2,000 people conducted by the Iraq Center for Research and Strategic Studies.

Russian President Vladimir Putin openly backed the current president and said, "if Bush loses, world terrorism will win," according to *Russian media*.

But a clarification is in order.

In Russia, only the government, not society, backs Bush. After reading studies on the Internet, I found that Russian people are for Kerry. One of the most popular Russian Internet Web sites conducted a poll of approximately 55,000 people. It showed Kerry with 62 percent and Bush with 30 percent. The remaining eight percent were undecided.

This statistic explains why Russian TV supports Bush far more than independent newspapers, who favor Kerry.

With the election over, Russia doesn't need to spend time guessing who the next president will be. Maybe Putin didn't make a mistake by supporting Bush, because Kerry failed to become president.

So, the relationship between the Russian and American president will not fade away. I believe it does not matter who the president is.

In a highly developing economic world, countries such as Russia and the United States must work together.

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the next American  
president.**



# Huskies drop to 1-8, manhandled by USC, OU

by Jake Adams  
staff writer

The University of Washington men's football team is desperately searching for ways to salvage their season following a 38-0 pounding from the top ranked USC Trojans in late October.

Sitting at 1-6 with Oregon, Cal, and Washington State still on their list, coach Keith Gilbertson and staff are doing anything and everything they can to try and turn around the Huskies losing ways.

At a press conference following the USC game, Gilbertson said one of the keys for winning is gaining confidence on defense more so than offense. "I think after a struggle we need a more confident defense than offense," said Gilbertson. "I can't speak to the confidence of our offense particularly after last Saturday's performance. But I thought our defense played very well."

The Husky defense did play

well; in fact they held the Trojans offense to 10 points in the first half, better than Pac-10 rivals Stanford (17), #8 Cal (16), and #21 Arizona State (42) when they played the Trojans.

The fact USC exploded for 28 points in the second half was more of an indication of the futile and injury-depleted Husky offense than a non-talented defense. If the "O" could have found some kind of rhythm, perhaps the defense could have caught some rest and had more energy to rise to the occasion.

The cold reality is that UW had possession of the ball for little over 20 minutes while the Trojans basically doubled them up, holding on to the ball for 39-plus minutes.

Time of possession is a key statistic in College football and anytime you let your opponent hold the ball on offense 20 minutes longer than you, the odds are your opponent will win.

Following the loss to USC, the Huskies have officially moved into a tie with Arizona for last place in the Pac-10.

Heading into the final four games of the season, the only thing the Huskies can play for, it seems, was Gilbertson's job. UW has been out of bowl contention since early October, and can now only assume the role of spoilers for their opponents.

As for Gilbertson's firing, he has let it known it will not bother him.

"Even though [the] record is bad I get to go do every morning what I want to do, I get to coach football," said Gilbertson. "I don't get to coach as much football as I used to when I was an assistant or a coordinator."

"Other things occupy a lot of my time, but I still get to go drive across the bridge and see Husky stadium every morning as I go to work at the University of Washington, so I am going to

enjoy that as long as I get a chance to."

Gilbertson's job status whistled in the wind after the Huskies lost to the much hated Oregon Ducks October 30th in Eugene, OR.

After beating the Ducks the last two years by a combined score of 84-24, it was UW's turn to get blown out, losing 31-6, and possibly costing Gilbertson his job.

"There was never a day I didn't enjoy coaching over the past two years," said Gilbertson. "I just wish the players had a chance to enjoy more success on the field for all the effort they put into the game."

Overall, Oregon started the season slow with a 1-3 start, but after winning 4 in a row, the Ducks (5-3) have heated up just in time to make some noise in the Pac-10.

Currently, the Ducks hold a 4-1 record in the conference play, and are in a second place tie with the California Bears.

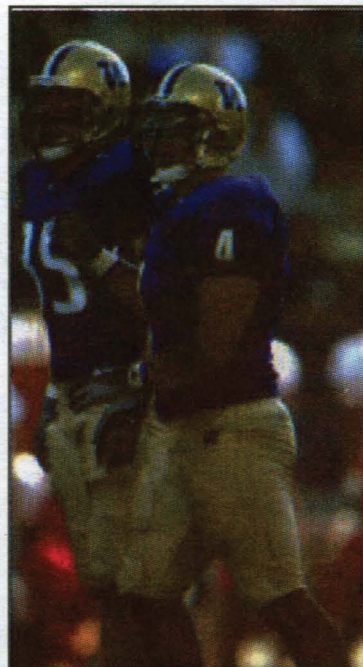


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**As of Nov. 8 the dawgs are (1-8) in overall play and have moved into last place in the Pac-10. They play the California Bears on Nov. 13.**

## Red Sox win series, end curse

editorial by Jake Adams  
staff writer

A couple weeks ago, the Boston Red Sox became baseball's champions and ended an 86 year absence from the title of baseball's best, reversing a famed curse and maybe passing along a curse of their own.

Somewhere in the heavens, even Babe Ruth is smiling.

The famed curse of the bambino originated in 1918 when greedy Red Sox ownership traded Ruth to the New York Yankees for \$100,000. Before the trade, the Red Sox were looked upon as the best franchise in league history.

Afterward, the Red Sox would wait 86 years until they would be champs again. In that span, the Yankees won an astonishing 26 world series. From Bill Buckner's ground ball in '86, to

Johnny Pesky's late throw in '46, it seemed like destiny that the Red Sox couldn't win a championship.

Enter Alex Rodriguez, the so called best player in baseball, who Boston tried feverishly to get via trade in the 2003 off-season.

Efforts for Boston to acquire Rodriguez, however, turned sour because the MLB players union would not allow restructuring of Rodriguez' \$252 million dollar contract.

Somehow the greed of Rodriguez' contract has a relation to the greed of the Boston owners that traded Ruth.

Boston watched as the Yankee's greedy owner George Steinbrenner acquired Rodriguez and his quarter billion dollar contract.

As the season began, Boston

got off to a good start, but the Yankees got hot and eventually won the American League East. The Red Sox won the wild card, and entered the playoffs as one of the hotter teams in the league.

After first round wins, the stage was set for another dramatic ALCS between Boston and New York. The Yankees surprisingly won the first three games to take a 3-0 lead and it seemed as if the curse of the bambino would live on, but something happened.

What happened? Ask A-Rod.

After the Yankees lost games four and five, sending the series back to New York, Boston summoned Curt Schilling who shut down the Yankees in hero-like fashion for seven innings while dealing with an ankle injury.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, the Yankees were down 4-1, with Derek Jeter on first, one out and Alex Rodriguez at the plate. Rodriguez was in prime position to do what he was traded to New York to do, hit in the clutch and win championship.

Instead, A-Rod hit a dribbler to the pitcher, and while running to first base, slapped the ball out of the pitchers glove to avoid being tagged out. A-Rod's actions were against the rules of baseball and he was out by interference. To make matters worse for the Yankees, Derek Jeter had to go back to first base after he apparently scored to make it 4-2.

At this very moment in game 6 of the ALCS, Rodriguez cursed himself by using sleazy tactics in a game that is centered on professionalism.

A-Rod opened the door for the end of the curse in Boston, and created a curse of his own: the curse of the A-Rod. The curse of the A-Rod will forbid Rodriguez from ever winning a championship in New York, and will follow his legend for centuries and centuries to come.

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Please contact Erin McKeown,  
UW Environmental Health and Safety at  
(206) 616-0585 for additional information.



# Art gallery becomes a reality

by Michele Brittany-Bacha  
staff writer

The original plans for the University of Washington, Tacoma did not include an art gallery. When the campus moved to its current location however, Dr. William Richardson, director of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (IAS), said that future plans for the IAS program and the campus required an art gallery space. The gallery space at 1742 Pacific Avenue is located between BKB & Co. and Friday's Cookies and is the campus' first gallery.

The inaugural opening of the gallery took place on Thursday, Oct. 21 and featured the digital art of Beverly Naidus, an assistant professor at UWT. Richardson began the evening with a short speech in which he reviewed Naidus' work as "stimulating, challenging as art should be in the 21st century."

Naidus spoke briefly, stating that this was the most conventional art show of her career. Her art typically "interferes and intervenes with the audience." With 40 hanging images that focused on environ-

mental issues, cultural identity and consumerism, it was easy to see what she meant.

Each image was digitally produced with the computer programs Painter and Adobe Photoshop and then printed on archival paper utilizing archival ink. The brilliant colors were tested to last 125 years.

"I have never been so in love

**"I wanted to create a vision for the future. I want people to interact."**

**-- Beverly Naidus,  
Assistant Professor,  
IAS**

with colour until working on the computer," Naidus said. "It's an exciting medium."

Identifying with the activist generation, she said in her artist statement, "I feel the same urgency to speak out about social injustice and the horrors that many of us are numb to that I felt in my twenties, but I sense that collaborating with others to create art as an intervention that might prompt dialog in

polarized situations is key to transforming this time."

Naidus' piece titled "The Nightmare Quilt" was meant to engage and inspire participation by visitors to the gallery. She recycled canvas and sewed together the 50-plus pieces. Incorporating the method 'stream of conscious,' one side of the quilt had various nightmare images that had been adding up in her life at that time (1989). The other side included images of utopia in earthy tones, colors and images. Attendees could write down their dream or nightmare on a piece of paper and slip it under the quilt. Several people could also pick up the quilt and gently turn it over, which happened several times during the evening.

"I wanted to create a vision for the future," Naidus said. "I want people to interact."

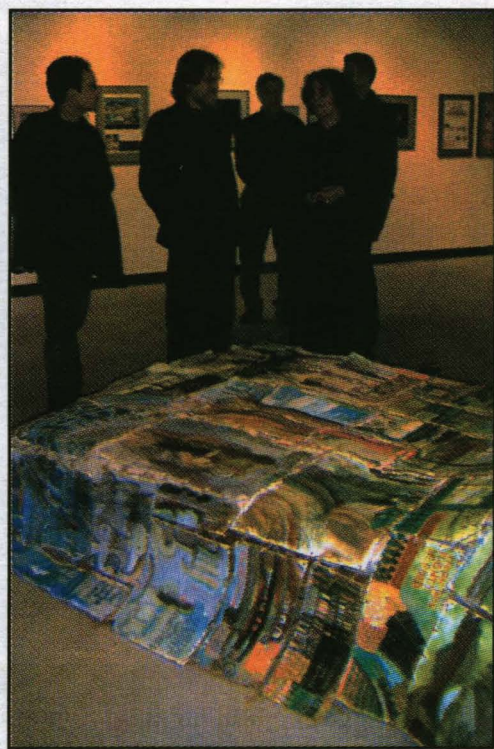
IAS General Studies student Evelyn Ysaia, who attended the event with her 10-year-old daughter Cierra, said of the quilt, "I am really struck by the dark colors - very Mary Shelley's Frankenstein with the stitching. The underside was like looking at the earth and the stitching disappears."

The idea of the quilt caught on in other communities such as Vashon Island where Naidus lives. They created their own quilt this past summer.

Naidus has exhibited at such venues as the Institute of Contemporary Art in London, the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York City, the Brooklyn Museum and the Armand Hammer Museum at UCLA. Her artwork has been reviewed and published in many journals and newspapers and she has published two books.

Naidus and Professor Tyler Budge were both hired a year ago to establish the campus' studio art program, which is part of the strategic plan of the IAS program, which proposes to offer an arts concentration by 2010.

The campus gallery is now part



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Beverly Naidus discusses the significance of her quilt to Dr. Samuel Parker and IAS student Ian Vollum.

of the Third Thursday Tacoma Artwalk. Additional information for Naidus' work can be found by visiting her web site at [www.arts-forchange.org](http://www.arts-forchange.org).

## A.L.I.V.E. returns for another year

by Michele Brittany-Bacha  
staff writer

The Association of Literary art, Independent Film, Visual art and Entertainment, A.L.I.V.E. for short, held their first event of the academic year on Oct. 21 in the Student Lounge of the Mattress Factory. This continued their traditional third Thursday of each month schedule from last year.

Billed as "Get to Know A.L.I.V.E.," this student organization showcased student art in the form of sculpture, woodturnings, batik, photographs, independent films and a band. All that was miss-

ing was some form of literary art, but more on that below.

Shades of Grey played for an hour to an intimate crowd of approximately 25 students, faculty and staff. The band featured Ben Pauli, a UWT student, on acoustic guitar, keyboards and vocals, Cole Akin on electrical guitar and special effects and Andrew Campbell on bass.

"We like to push boundaries," Pauli said as he described their unique sound as alternative progressive rock.

While they played, attendees could view Lindsey Zoe Henry's "Pike Place Peppers," a close up of bright orange, yellow and red pep-

pers with a vibrancy that could bring sunshine to an overcast day. People could also enjoy Adrienne Arnold's batik piece entitled



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Shades of Grey band members Cole Akin, Ben Pauli, and Andrew Campbell (left to right).

and porcelain, the piece represented women in various states: weak, vulnerable yet strong and powerful.

"Coming to hear Ben sing, it's nice to learn a b o u t A.L.I.V.E., to have an outlet for self expression and individuality," said Valerie Martin, an IAS Psychology student, after looking at the displays.

Ian Vollum, vice president of A.L.I.V.E., displayed a couple of photographs as well as an independent film

titled "Timeless."

Although the turnout was larger than A.L.I.V.E. events from last year, it was still a modest show-

ing of support.

"I'm always happy to see people at these events, but I'm saddened by the fact that there never is sufficient support from the university and the student body for such events," Vollum said.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, A.L.I.V.E. will have a "Music/Poetry Jam." It's described as an open-mike format for students to share their musical and/or poetic talents. The event will be held in the Student Lounge during the lunch hour.

Other future events include going to see the Rocky Horror Picture Show Saturday, Dec. 11 and taking in the Tacoma Artwalk on Thursday, Dec. 16. In the coming year, the group has several events in the planning stage such as a student art show and an indie film festival.

For more information about A.L.I.V.E. and upcoming events, please contact Ian Vollum at [ijv@u.washington.edu](mailto:ijv@u.washington.edu).

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Adrienne Arnold's batik piece entitled "Solidarity."



# Seattle Rep Opens Season in the Tropics

by Michele Brittany-Bacha  
staff writer

A lone figure in white in front of a tropical blue backdrop made a call for an upcoming cock fight and so began the steamy tangle of love stories presented by playwright Nilo Cruz's "Anna in the Tropics." This is the first offering of the Seattle Repertory Theatre's 2004-2005 season.

Set in a family owned Cuban cigar rolling factory in Ybor City, Florida in 1929, the story unfolds with the arrival of a new "lector" (reader), Juan Julian, from Cuba. Typically, the lector would read to the workers as a way to counter the monotonous work of rolling cigars all day.

Juan Julian chose Tolstoy's Anna Karenina and swiftly, the workers lives began to mirror the lector's reading and eventually each person's life was shaped by the classic, tragic love story.

The casting was well chosen with Romi Dias playing Conchita, one of the women that the play centers around. Her credits include Off-Broadway work as well as television, such as "Third Watch," "Law & Order: SVU" and "Saturday Night Live." She has been honored with the Princess Grace Award for Theatre.

Her performance was exquisite and her connection with her stage husband, Palomo (played by Paolo Andino) created the necessary tension of a strained marriage in jeopardy.

Another strong female character was that of Ofelia, played by Maria Elena Ramirez. As head of the family she was instrumental in bringing the lector to the factory. She represented the struggle for maintaining traditions in light of progress or "modernity" as her brother-in-law Cheché called it.

Humor came in the form of Santiago, Ofelia's husband who was a consummate gambler, but

ultimately, had a kind heart and a deep love for his wife.

The play was held on the Bagley Wright stage and incorporated the turn-table. This

is one of nine plays that have been selected this year to present a "diversity of voices and viewpoints."

With over 40 years of tradition in Seattle and the surrounding communities, Tucker says that this will be a strong season of plays.

This includes Kate Mulgrew in "Tea at Five," Chaim Potok's award winning "The Chosen," W. Somerset Maugham's "The Constant Wife" and locally acclaimed writer, August Wilson's "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom."

"Art is critical for our culture," Tucker said when speaking about the importance of working with the community.

In fact, the theatre has a thriving educational department that works with area schools, offering classes and summer drama courses to help build a sense of community. Tucker added that the theatre is a venue for collaborative art within the community.

For more information about Seattle Repertory Theatre, please check out their web site: [www.seattlerep.org](http://www.seattlerep.org).



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**Palomo (Paolo Andino) spies on the lector Juan Julian (Bryant Mason) and his wife Conchita (Romi Dias) in the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Nilo Cruz.**

revolved the single set, the factory, at each transition between scenes.

Cuban music between scene transitions provided an ambiance to the production.

Unfortunately, the seating was not laid out in a staggered pattern, so depending where the seat was located, viewing could be obstructed.

Costumes were kept fairly simple, in keeping with the times of that era. Props were intriguing as several times the audience was privy to how cigars were rolled and packed.

Publicist David A. Tucker II says that "Anna in the Tropics"

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# Chechnya: terrorist fail to negotiate, kill hostages

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the school. This number sounded too low and it was clear for everybody that the information was false.

So we started talking with the local community and families of the hostages. It was difficult, because they did not trust journalists. However, we found out what we needed. A number of journalists from western newspapers and news agencies had a satellite modem and helped us transfer information to Moscow.

**Q:** Did you ever feel your life was threatened?

**A:** Yes. Our photojournalist could not find a place to take a picture of the school. Every camera angle was vulnerable to

the terrorist snipers and machine gunners.

At last, we decided to take a risk. We ran from one corner to another and literally speaking, bullets whistled near our ears. Nevertheless, we were able to take good photos.

When the hostages began running out of school under heavy fire from the terrorists, we rushed toward them, grabbed them and protected them with our own bodies. We then carried them to a safe place. There was no time to be scared, our bodies acted instinctively.

One shakhid (Chechnya kamikaze terrorist) blew herself up 15 meters from us. The blast threw me on the ground

and my partner picked me up and carried me to a safe distance. Every moment of our work there was connected with risk.

**Q:** What was the hardest psychological moment to handle?

**A:** The most difficult for me was talking with parents of the murdered children. You mourn with them, feel their sorrow, but you have to ask them questions, which hurts them.

It was hard to watch their mothers crying near their burned children. It was hard to see so many small kids dead or wounded.

Many journalists I know and who were in Beslan, fell into a



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The journalists who were in the midst of the Chechnya terrorism attack risked their lives to report the story.

# Autism: Center will provide treatment and diagnosis

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Supporters of the Autism Center are optimistic that it will receive continued funding.

academic year.

It's a \$675,000 trial funding contingent upon the success, demand and the community's needs. Supporters of the Center are optimistic that it will receive appropriate funding to expand.

"If we can show it's really effective and it's helping the children in this region, then we have good evidence and the probability is good," said the Director and Professor of the Education Department, Ginger Macdonald.

The education department is working closely with the center to provide the essential contacts to coordinate training programs for teachers from local school districts and social service agencies such as Mary Bridge Children's Hospital.

"All the pieces are perfectly in place to do a full-scale program to serve a lot of families in Tacoma," said UWT Interim Chancellor Steven Olswang.

Olswang believes having an Autism Center at UWT fits well

within the boundaries of the special education program.

"Nurses, teachers in special education and social workers should know about autism," Olswang said.

"There are so many ways that

**"There are so many ways that we'll take advantage of the Center's qualified staff to enhance our educational goals."**

**-- Steven Olswang, Interim Chancellor**

we'll take advantage of the Center's qualified staff to enhance our educational programs."

The staffing of the Center at UWT is coming from Seattle. They are all highly trained professionals in helping autistic children.

The Center is scheduling a stakeholders' meeting on Nov. 16 that will

bring together professionals and advocates from South Sound agencies to solicit input regarding service, training and resource needs.

The staffs of the Center are in the process of ordering kid-sized furniture, toys, audio equipment, testing materials, getting the phone lines connected and other practicalities needed when the children are ready to come through for diagnosis and treatment.

In mid-to-late November, clinicians will begin seeing some children for behavioral therapy, and they hope to offer training on Asperger syndrome for public school employees, according to Brooks.

Starting in January, they will increase behavior therapy and training services and will add diagnostic assessment services and some resource services for families.

"We're excited about this because it ties into our educational goals and it's another chance to get the community on our campus and a service that they won't get anywhere else," Olswang said.

# Bylaws: student government works to rewrite laws

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islative affairs. In the bylaws, there is a clause that would have required the ASUWT to establish an Elections Authority Committee prior to the fall senate election, but since most students aren't available until the first week of classes, this requirement was unable to be met. Without the suspension of the bylaws, there wouldn't have been a fall election.

The bylaws are intended to define the roles of the ASUWT by articulating each function that members must serve.

"[The ASUWT bylaws] govern how the students choose to

govern themselves," said Interim Chancellor Steven Olswang.

This isn't the first time the bylaws have been suspended. They were suspended two out of four quarters during the 2003-2004 school year, due to various conflicts in policy. The current student administration is researching ways to re-write the bylaws.

"The problem with the bylaws is that they are repetitive and complicated to read," said Sullivan. "The main reasons we are changing the bylaws are to simplify them, to make them run more efficiently and to make

them easier to understand by the student body at large."

The UWT bylaws are currently 41 pages long, compared to the usual 5 or 6 pages at most universities, according to Sullivan. This is due to the large amount of information that is repeated in the bylaws and the complicated way in which they were written, according to ASUWT members.

Currently, members of the Student Government are deciding how the ASUWT should be structured and organized.

"We're really in the beginning stages of this process," said

Sullivan. "We're not even looking to present it to the Senate for an official vote until winter quarter."

The ASUWT hopes that by making the bylaws easier for students to understand, more people will get involved in campus committees and government.

"You don't fix something by adding to it, you convolute it," said Peter Kellett, director of events and programming. "By reducing it, you simplify the bureaucratic red tape around it."

One issue that may be addressed in the re-write, is the current bylaw that allows stu-

dents to run for senator of a department they're not majoring in.

The re-defining of several positions will also be addressed, such as the events and programming coordinator, who currently must attend all senate meetings even though he holds a non-voting position.

Students who wish to get involved with any ASUWT project or committee, including the re-writing of the bylaws, may contact the ASUWT office in MAT 103.



## Movie stereotypes of U. S. replaced by first-hand experiences

*Clear air, the people and "really big" cars among many observations, strongest impressions made as visit comes to an end*

by Artem Ivanov, Andrei Kots and Andrei Biryukov

The United States of Ledger/Journalist newspaper in America was an enigma for us Russia last spring with for a very long time. So, we were very curious about this country, its people, its culture.

Of course there are a lot of stereotypes of a typical American, so we were a little prejudicial before our trip to Tacoma.

It was so exciting to think we were going to the country at the opposite side of the globe.

Our opinion about America was based mostly on the American movies, because they are shown all over Russia.

We also have to say that our acquaintance with Americans began much earlier. At our journalism department we had some professors from the United States, who read lectures for us.

We also made a joint

air were different - people, their style of behavior, articulation, interests - everything was different.

During the first day of our trip we were overloaded with new information and images. The USA is not the first country

live in one's own house in Moscow is almost impossible.

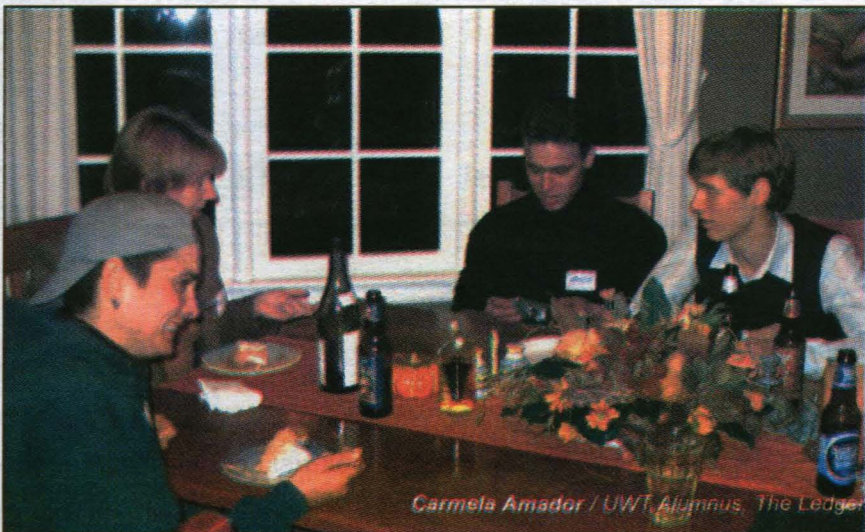
American people themselves were the strongest of our impressions. We were sure that Americans were mostly indifferent to the rest of the world, their minds mostly concentrated on their homes and nothing

with them in real life. It was very interesting to see so many different signs on the roads, with such detailed descriptions of what could happen if somebody didn't follow the law.

For example: in Russia near the railway roads we can often (but not every time) find a sign

like this "do not cross the road," and that's all. We were amazed to see not just "No trespassing," but also quite a long amount of text, which made it clear why nobody should cross the road.

Near the



From right: Professor Chris Demaske (IAS) shares dessert with visiting Moscow State University Professor Maria Lukina and MSU we students Artem Ivanov and Andrei Biryukov.

American students from UWT. When we arrived and got out of the airplane, our first impression was: "Wow! The air is so clear!" The next strong visual impression we had was the inordinate number of really BIG cars, which are rare in Moscow. But not only cars and

traveled to, but it was the most surprising.

The families we stayed with during our trip also left a major impression on us. There is nothing similar to our Russians ones. Those houses we were living in just couldn't be compared with our apartments. To

else.

But now, after speaking a lot with some real Americans, we absolutely changed our minds. They are politically well educated and can talk about everything connected with elections, international affairs and so on.

As for Tacoma, what a lovely place indeed! It isn't big, isn't small and it's very clean. We hadn't been able to imagine that we could ever appear in a city from an American movie.

The structure of Tacoma, the architecture of the city, trains, paper-seller boxes, lots of trees and low road traffic - that was really strange.

We also were very impressed by the design of the University buildings. We particularly liked the Mattress Factory, what a sight, it used to be something completely different than it now is.

American laws. We'd heard about them but had never dealt

Museum of Glass there were a lot of instructions, telling us what we could and couldn't do.

So, as we tried to come to a joint conclusion, we decided that many things in this town are made to improve human life. And you can ask us if it is strange; it's a pity, but yes.

### Ledger/MSU Exchange Program

Each year, UWT and MSU students produce two joint editions of their paper--one in Moscow and one in Tacoma.

Two UWT students are chosen based on their experience and knowledge of journalism and involvement with the Ledger. Applicants are solicited during Winter Quarter.



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### Notice of Possible Rule Making - Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (per RCW 34.05.310)

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 478-118 WAC, "Parking and Traffic Rules for the University of Washington, Tacoma."

Statutes Authorizing the University to Adopt Rules on This Subject: RCW 28B.10.560 and 28B.20.130.

Reasons Why Rules on This Subject May Be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Parking and traffic rules originally promulgated for the UW Tacoma campus in 2002, now need further refinement after two years of implementation for this growing campus facility. Proposed amendments seek to clarify existing rules and provide additional definitions, visitor parking rules, and bicycle and skateboard use rules.

Other Federal and State Agencies That Regulate This Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule With These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by sending written comments or inquiries to Rebecca Goodwin Deardorff, Director, Rules Coordination Office, by one of the following routes:

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